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Dear Sir.

I have instructed the Engraver to prepare the two sets of impressions of our coins in Aluminium desired by You. They will be forwarded on Monday next. I will send You at the same time an impression in clay of the Field Medal. The Dies are finished and are undergoing a close Examination to see if the devices &c are exactly correct. When this is done they will be hardened & we shall then be ready to strike the Medal. We cannot take an impression in any kind of metal until the Dies have been hardened. In the course of next week we hope to be able to strike the Gold Medal & a few copies in Bronze.

Hon Hugh McCulloch, Sec. Treasury.

With great Respect,
Your Obt. Servt,
J. R. Henderson,
Director.